

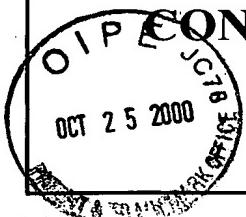
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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/482,691, filed on January 13, 2000,
entitled Cleaning Implement Comprising a Removable Cleaning Pad Having Multiple Cleaning Surfaces.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of the CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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 - a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16 (b) or (i))	3 - 3**	0	x \$80.00 =	\$0.00
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	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.			TOTAL =	\$710.00

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9. [] Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
10. [] Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR §1.103(b) (fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) enclosed).
11. [] New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____
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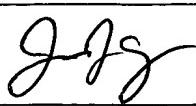
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
N. J. POLICICCHIO ET AL. :
CPA of Serial No. 09/482,691 : Group Art Unit 1744
Filed January 13, 2000 : Examiner M. Spisich
For CLEANING IMPLEMENT COMPRISING A
REMOVABLE CLEANING PAD HAVING
MULTIPLE CLEANING SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2000 (Paper No. 4), please establish this Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") and enter the following preliminary amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Also, attached hereto are an Associate Power of Attorney and a Terminal Disclaimer. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, which Applicants believe to be \$390.00 for a two-month extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 21.

21. (Amended) An implement for cleaning a surface, the implement comprising:

- a. a handle comprising a support head at one end; and
- b. a removable cleaning pad having an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein the cleaning pad has multiple widths in the z-dimension and wherein the cleaning pad comprises:
 - i. a scrubbing layer;
 - ii. an absorbent layer in direct fluid communication with the scrubbing layer; wherein the absorbent layer comprises a superabsorbent material; and
 - iii. an attachment layer that is essentially fluid impervious.

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